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10 December 1956

Subject: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

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2. The flare appeared to be at 25,000 to 30,000 feet. Its track, at first sighting (Launch plus about one minute), was estimated to be some 10 - 12 miles out to sea from the writer's position three miles north of [illegible] Main Gate, and its course was due north. Speed was estimated to be 750-1000 miles per hour.

3. The missile altitude at about T plus 95 seconds appeared to be the same as the altitude of the flare.

4. The flare made a wide turn to the east immediately after the missile "passed" it (missile track appeared to be some 3 to 4 miles toward shore from the track of the flare), completing the turn about 8 to 10 seconds before burn-out of the missile.

5. Upon completion of the turn, the flare picked up a heading of 90 - 100 degrees and maintained this heading until out of sight of the writer at T plus 330 seconds.

6. As far as could be determined, the flare track did not vary in speed or altitude during the entire sighting.

7. On making the turn to the east, the two tails disappeared. Whether this was due to change in attitude with relation to the observer, or due to increased distance from the observer, or due to a change in "power settings" (sic) is undecided.

8. Weather conditions were: ceiling and visibility unlimited.

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10. The writer is an RCA employee, and the knowledge of the approximate launch time of the missile (test vehicle) was acquired in the normal course of his official activities.

11. The sighting was reported to the RCA Communications Coordinator, CCAAFB, about 0122R, 8 December 1956. It was also reported to the Officer of the Day, PAFB, at about 0140R the same date. The O.D. advised that a written report should be filed on the next working day.

12. It is suggested that close study of the optical coverage films for the test will serve to confirm this report.

13. It appears that this report falls within the concern of CIRVIS as described by JANAP 146C.

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Additional comments - 4 January 1957

See para 3 above - Missile at that time was 30 miles high, indicating that UFO was much closer to observer or was much higher and traveling at greater speed.
General comment - Altitude, speed and range statements in original report are result of reference by observer to known object; i.e., aircraft. This established in discussions with AF; no aircraft near at time of sighting, but observer's experience with aircraft apparently resulted in unconscious reference.
Winds at time of sighting - surface 90° varying to 140° at 10,000 feet.
Eliminated as possibilities - aircraft, weather balloons. Elimination effected by AF.
Angle above horizon at first sighting - approximately 25 degrees.
Horizontal angle traversed on northerly course -- approximately 60-65 degrees
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See para 9 above - Observer has talked to two other men who saw UFO, no details obtained.
See para 12 above -- Study of most sensitive camera plates showed nothing.
PAFB - Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
CCAAFB - Cape Canaveral Auxiliary Air Force Base, Fla.
Test 3018 - launch of Viking rocket (1st on Vanguard program).

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